



January 20, 2017

The Honorable
John Bel Edwards
Governor of Louisiana
P.O. Box 94004
Baton Rouge, La 70804

Dear Governor Edwards,

On behalf of our organization which represents 64 Parish Councils on Aging and for the more than one million senior citizens, we encourage you to please stand as always with our most vulnerable citizens. We know that House members have already submitted for your consideration drastic cuts to programs that would be devastating to our elderly. Our organization understands that in the coming weeks you will be faced with numerous and often competing requests to approve one budget item over another. Tough choices will have to be made and we implore you to please spare the frail and elderly of this state. Every day we receive phone calls from potential clients for help with basic needs. Councils on Aging across this great state and for over 50 years our mission has been to offer services which encourage and promote inclusion of the most needy, economically challenged individuals. This will only happen if funding is not interrupted to the providers of these services.

Thank you for considering our request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance on this issue.

Sincerely,

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